

Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of January 23, 2018
One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA

6:15 P.M.

STUDY SESSION (Emergency Operations Center)

Belmont Village Specific Plan Market Feasibility Review

Management Analyst Rose noted that major policy documents were adopted in November 2017, including the General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, and Belmont Village Specific Plan. She noted that the City of Belmont is moving forward with an implementation plan and strategy to establish an economic development program.

Barry Foster, Consultant, provided a background on his company (HDL). He outlined allowable uses in the Village, configurations, consumer demand, potential retailers and categories to target. He noted that the City is looking to create a mixed-use environment. He pointed out that Fifth Avenue serves as an important retail corridor. He cited the need to pursue an 18-hour downtown, which provides services and goods during the day, and vibrancy after hours. He explained that job growth will be in the Village corridor. He outlined residential growth predictions in the Village through 2040.

He described functional transportation methods. He suggested providing for parking early on in the development. He cited the need to make the village pedestrian and bike-friendly. He described some implementation strategies to assist in achieving the redevelopment goals of the City for this area.

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of Fifth Avenue as pedestrian-only. Mr. Foster stated this could provide a challenge, as retailers will want vehicular access. Discussion ensued regarding the challenges of having Fifth Avenue be fully developed with a signal on Ralston Avenue. Discussion also ensued regarding how to provide for parking when parcels may redevelop on a piecemeal basis.

Discussion regarding the formation of BID (Business Improvement District) or BAD (Benefit Assessment District).

Attended by Councilmembers Hurt, Stone, Lieberman, Kim

ADJOURNMENT 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 7:10 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Hurt, Stone, Lieberman, Kim

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by former City Councilmember Cathy Wright

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Michael Milliken, Belmont-Redwood Shores School Superintendent, spoke regarding the need to increase awareness for a potential revenue measure. He described the financial needs of the school district.

Jamie Ormond, Belmont resident, spoke regarding water and sustainability issues.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Stone noted that this year marks the 50th anniversary of adopt-a-unit in San Mateo. He described upcoming events wherein Belmont's adopted unit will be in town.

Mayor Kim outlined YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) activity updates. He described the recent Dr. Martin Luther King celebration at Good Shepherd Church.

Councilmember Stone requested the removal of the Consent item related to the agreement with Callander Associates for the turf project for separate consideration.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017

Minutes of Special Meeting of December 14, 2017

Black History Month Proclamation

Resolution 2017-003 approving a new job classification/pay schedule and assignment of the new job classification to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees bargaining unit

Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved, as amended.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Callander Associates for an amount not to exceed \$164,813 and a contingency amount of \$24,722 for design and construction management services

Councilmember Stone stated that he has met with members of the public regarding this matter. He is aware there was input from various stakeholders regarding the configuration. He requested clarification as to whether or not a dirt home plate area is still an option.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz confirmed that the dirt home plate is still an option. He explained that the option adopted by City Council includes dirt home plate and dirt

mound, and that the infield is comprised of synthetic turf. He further explained that new synthetic grasses are available, which are much more consistent and much more like grass. He described the subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission that looked into new materials.

Rich Bortoli, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, pointed out that there was no consensus or compromise regarding a final design. He noted that the Sports Complex is the only place in Belmont for baseball for those over 13. He explained that soccer does not need a dedicated under-19 field. He presented a plan that provides space for all users. He noted that tournaments would no longer be able to be held, which results in a loss of revenue. He described logistics with the installation of a portable mound.

In response to Councilmember Lieberman, **Mark Slitcher**, Callendar and Associates, indicated that if tonight's action is delayed, it will push the final project schedule

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz clarified that funds are available for design, not for construction.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he is reluctant to change decisions already made, but he has sufficient concern in this case to reconsider. He pointed out that the decision was made some time ago, and new information could change the outcome.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz stated that during a recent discussion at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on this topic, no request was made to revisit.

Mayor Kim stated that there is not enough information to delay the project. He stated that he is also reluctant to change a decision made previously. He would like to honor the process.

Councilmember Lieberman suggested holding off on this decision for one meeting. He would like more information and wants to take a commissioner's concerns seriously.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Schwartz described how portable mounds are installed. He noted that CSUS (Crystal Springs Uplands School) now has a soccer field that the City can use one day per week. He pointed out that playing on synthetic turf is a benefit to players.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, and unanimously approved to defer action on this matter until the next regular meeting.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmember Stone reported on a recent Senior Advisory meeting.

Councilmember Hurt reported on a recent Emergency Services meeting.

Councilmember Lieberman reported on a recent Fire JPA meeting, as well as a Silicon Valley Clean Water Agency meeting.

Mayor Kim reported on a recent YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) meeting, a retreat for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and an SFO Roundtable meeting.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Ridge, Belmont resident, spoke regarding issues and vandalism at her property.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:07 P.M. in memory of Lloyd DeMartini, long-time Belmont resident.

Terri Cook
City Clerk

Reconvene Special Meeting of January 22, 2018 8:25 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANT POSITION ON THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Kim described the recent recruitment and interview process. He noted that no consensus was reached at the conclusion of the interviews during the special meeting held on January 22, 2018. He pointed out that the two top candidates are Tom McCune and Julia Mates.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he is prepared to switch his vote from Mr. McCune to Ms. Mates. He noted that strong pool of candidates.

Mayor Kim expressed the importance of putting the interests of the public first. He stated that he is also prepared to switch his vote. He noted the unusual circumstance that led to the vacancy on the City Council. He served on the Planning Commission with the two finalists. He pointed out that the process is a sign that local government is working.

Councilmember Stone noted that this is the toughest decision to make, and there are two qualified people professionally, two people with deep backgrounds of committed service to the City, and two people with different philosophies and outlooks on life. He noted that all four candidates could serve on the Council. He would like to encourage other applicants to get involved in other ways in the City.

City Clerk Cook noted that the remaining candidates have been notified of the current recruitment for the Planning and Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Hurt stated that the City Council is invested in best interest of the city. She pointed

out that all applicants are qualified.

Councilmember Lieberman thanked the Mayor for his leadership on this issue.

Councilmember Stone commented regarding the efficiency of the process.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Hurt, seconded by Councilmember Stone, Resolution 2018-004 Appointing Julia Mates to fill a Vacancy on a Term Expiring at the November 2018 General Election was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:45 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk